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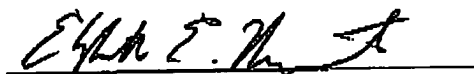
Sir:

REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER TO BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant timely submitted an Appellant's Brief Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.192 in the above-referenced application on April 30, 2004 (copy attached). This Brief was scanned and entered into the PAIR system as an Appeal Brief on May 5, 2004. No Examiner's Answer has been received in the ensuing four and a half months. Applicant submits that "such time as may be directed by the Director" (37 C.F.R. § 1.193(a)(1)) for sending such an answer has passed (MPEP 1208 ("The examiner should furnish the appellant with a written statement in answer to the appellant's brief within 2 months after the receipt of the brief by the examiner")), and requests that the application be immediately transferred to the Board of Patent Appeals for consideration of the appeal on the basis of Appellant's Brief.

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